

you will not make your children learn the Bible in that way, for you can devise no surer method of making a child revolt against all the beauty and truth of Holy Writ.

Probably there is not a mother or a school teacher here who could not, out of her own experience, give instance after instance of the queer twists that the little minds give to what seem to us perfectly simple sentences. Now, I would make a very strong plea for each of us to try and see that the child understands what the words mean. I do not think that it is ordinarily necessary to explain the simple and beautiful stories of the Bible; children understand readily the lessons taught therein; but I do think it necessary to see that they really have a clear idea of what each sentence means, what the words mean.

Our Young People

THE SECRET OF ENDURANCE

Heb. 11: 24-27; Ex. 33: 9-23

Topic Sunday, March 9.

HOME READINGS

- Mon., Mar. 3, Wait on God, Ps. 37: 44-50.
 Tues., " 4, Establish your heart, Jas. 5: 1-8.
 Wed., " 5, God our help, Ps. 40: 1-17.
 Thur., " 6, Look to Jesus, Heb. 12: 1-7.
 Fri., " 7, Strengthened, Col. 1: 9-17.
 Sat., " 8, Reward of endurance, Rom. 2: 1-10.

No one is free from trials. They come from within and from without. Yet every child of God wants to hold out faithful. About half of the testimonies given in prayer meeting—especially by new converts, close with the words "Pray for me that I may hold out faithful" or words to that effect.

Now our topic implies that we may hold out faithful and the scripture references given contain the secret of endurance.

Are we really in earnest about wanting to be faithful? Will we honestly search for the secret of endurance? And will we obey the conditions when we find them? The lesson is from the life of Moses but the secret of his help is the secret of our help and is all the more plainly taught in the New Testament.

SCRIPTURE HELP

I. The first secret—a right point of view. What is the right point of view? Moses was compelled to choose between the will of God and the pleasure of sin. This is precisely the choice we must make. He counted the cost and chose the will of God. What were the elements that determine such a choice? These give the right point of view. (Some one should explain each reference.)

1. Faith. Heb. 11: 24.

By faith Moses saw the joy to come in the service of God. We too must have a firm grasp on our hope of eternal life with all its rewards.

2. Suffering with right to be preferred before royalty and sin. Heb. 11: 25.

The royalty would have lasted a few months or a few years but right endures forever.

3. The riches of Christ to be preferred before the riches of this world. Heb. 11: 26.

The riches of Christ are worth most in this world and they are the only riches we can take with us into the next.

4. The trials that come are to be regarded as a part of our discipline which will make us more worthy of the joys to follow. Heb. 11: 7; Jas. 1: 12.

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In O T times the Jews regarded every calamity as a direct judgment of God for their sins. Some suffered martyrdom cheerfully with this conviction, trusting that because of their thus enduring faithful God would be gracious again to the nation.

Our Pilgrim fathers used to find the cause of every tooth-ache or other ailment in some act of sin. We are not taught that our sufferings arise always from such causes but we are taught that they can always be made to contribute to our good by strengthening patience, faith, endurance or other virtues.

5. Trials are to be expected and therefore not to be complained of when they come. 2-Tim. 2: 3.

If a soldier enlists he has no right to run because the enemy shoots at him. The Christian in service has no right to give up work saying "Some one is shooting at me." That was a part of the bargain in taking up the cross. 2 Tim. 3: 12.

6. The right point of view includes the good of others also. 2 Tim. 2: 10.

For the sake of strengthening others we can afford to suffer and endure. This was the motive of Paul. 1 Cor. 9: 12.

7. The example of Jesus. What he endured. Heb. 12: 2. His motive. John 17: 19.

These two passages deserve much study. They should be a constant inspiration to us to hold us to this point of view which Jesus kept until the end.

- II. God's help. 1. Ex. 33: 14.

The second reference of our topic reminds us of God's help in enduring. Without it all our good resolutions would fail. He strengthened Moses.

2. Jesus also promised his presence with his followers. Matt. 28: 20.

3. Love for him will make us strong to endure. 1 Cor. 13: 7, 8; Phil. 4: 13.

HINTS ON OTHER HELPS

1. The Christian life is a test of strength. Is there danger in trying to go too fast? Mark 4: 5, 6.

2. The Christian life is a race. What must we put aside if we would reach the goal? Heb. 12: 1.

3. The Christian life is beset by perils. What must we do to avoid them? Matt. 26: 41.

4. The Christian life is a warfare. What must we do to be good soldiers? 2 Tim. 2: 4.

NOTES

A writer of the church at Smyrna speaking of the early martyrs there says "Our people were so whipped that their bones were laid bare and even their tormentors were moved with compassion yet not a murmur escaped them so that all believed that their Lord stood with them."

Such testimonies could be multiplied indefinitely. Our Lord sustains not only those who are called to die for him but also those who are called to live for him.

The greater the trial the greater the proof of endurance and the greater the joy of victory. Rev. 7: 14.

Our small vexations are after all so petty that we should be ashamed to fall down over them or even to notice them at all when we think of what Jesus endured for us. C. F. YODER.

Milledgeville, Ill., Christian Endeavor Society Notes

We changed the name of our King's Children Society to that of Christian Endeavor Society the first of the year.

Since the remodeling of our church we have a good Endeavor room and we spend an hour each Sunday evening in the study of our lesson. We derive much more benefit from it than we used to by having only half hour lesson. We highly appreciate the help of Brother and Sister Perry in our work.